



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2005
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 599

Chairperson: Ray Janssen
Committee: General Affairs
Date of Hearing: February 14, 2005

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 599 gives cities of the second class and villages an additional option for governing libraries. Instead of appointing a library board to govern the library, the city council or village board may retain governance of the library. Under LB 599, if the governing body retains control of the library, it may create and appoint an advisory board.

The proposed authority that LB 599 would grant to the cities of the second class and villages is similar to the authority that larger cities of the first class have in section 16-251. The smaller municipalities often have difficulty finding people to serve on boards. LB 599 would give these municipalities flexibility in operating the library.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator LeRoy J. Loudon